**August Meeting**

Friday, August 15

7:30 PM

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**Tailboard with the Director****Bob Vallio, W6RGG**

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Bob Vallio, long-time section manager of the ARRL East Bay section, is now the ARRL Pacific Division Director. He will be joining us to give us an update on the state of the division.

**MDARC Did It Again****By Trevor Hall, WA6JAU**

We assisted in the Red Tail Adventure race July 19th in the Briones Park and San Pablo Dam Reservoir. It was a great success with over 100 participants participating in kayaking, mountain biking, trail running, and orienteering!

We also supported communications for a medical emergency of a bicycle rider on Bear Creek Road that was helicoptered out at Briones Overlook. For many it was a full day event starting at 7:30am and lasting till 6:00pm.

The radio operators assisting in the event were: John Stuart KM6QX; Tom Seabury KI6O; Drew Hanson KD6GLY; Pete Harris KE6ZIW; Dana Jones K6BRR; Mike Burge KG6CSJ; Willey Sanders KF6IU; and Trevor Hall WA6JAU.

Thank you all for your dedication to service.

**Ramblings from the Editor****By Jerry Gardner, W6UV**

The last time I wrote this column was back in April of 1999. At that time, I had been *Carrier* editor for 3-1/2 years and was looking forward to a break. At the time, I said that I'd eventually be back, and here I am, for better or for worse.

I'd like to thank my immediate predecessor, Bob Beard, for his excellent work editing the *Carrier*. In many ways, it's a rewarding job, and in other ways, it's a thankless job. I hope Bob got more out of his work as editor than he gave.

When I originally volunteered to edit the *Carrier* back in the Fall of 1995, I did so for two reasons: to get to know the club members better, and to learn desktop publishing. Many things are different this time around, but my goal of getting to know the club members better still stands. There's been a lot of turnover in the club since my last go-round as editor, and it seems like there's a whole new group of people to meet and work with.

Lots of things have changed in the hobby as well. The FCC, in conjunction with the ARRL, has succeeded in watering down the license requirements yet again, more and more of the public events that I participate in (primarily bicycle events) are supported by non-hams with cell phones, etc. I hope this trend doesn't continue.

Lastly, the contents of the *Carrier* are intended to reflect the interests of the members. I can scour the Internet looking for material that may (in my opinion) be of interest to the members, but I'd rather get it from you. With a membership of several hundred, if each of you would submit an article every few years, I'd have enough material to keep publishing indefinitely.

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**Farewell****By Cal Groom, KE6OEH**

As many of you are aware, My wife, Dolly, and I are moving to Las Vegas and entering into semi retirement. I would like to say that it has been wonderful for the last ten years as I have served as Vice President, Board Member, & Treasurer. There are some extremely talented people and some very interesting people that are members of the club.

I consider it a privilege to have worked with many of you and I would encourage you to keep up the good work on all fronts. I will still be in contact with some of you on 20 and 40 meters.

As for now, 73 and may God bless you all, Cal, KE6OEH



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## Minutes of the General Meeting July 18, 2003

In violation of the California Corporations Code requiring 48 hours notice to members of the Board, an Emergency Board Session was called at 7:00pm. Howard Burke, Jay Caldis, Dave McIntyre, Harold Johnsen, Trevor Hall in attendance. Motion made by Trevor Hall and seconded by Howard Burke to rescind all actions & motions to act against Paul Girrard in removing his club membership. Vote was 5-0 in favor with a proxy vote by Cal Groom to make it 6-0 in favor.

General Meeting was called to order at 7:30pm. An announcement was made about the Emergency Board Meeting and that all actions to remove Paul Girrard had ended.

George Rousch announced that the Picnic would be tomorrow July 19.

Dick Brown gave a presentation on the status of Pacificon 2003.

Cal Groom gave the Treasurer's report. Total assets were \$35,254.27. Cal and Dolly Groom will be moving to Las Vegas shortly, and Harold Johnsen has volunteered to take over the Treasurer position for the remainder of the year.

Trevor Hall turned the Secretary duties over to Pam Styron who had no notice of the commencement of the meeting prior to 7:30 pm.

New Carrier Editor will be Jerry Gardner. New Web Master will be Marvin Miller. Greg Estep will be moving to San Diego, but will be back for Pacificon.

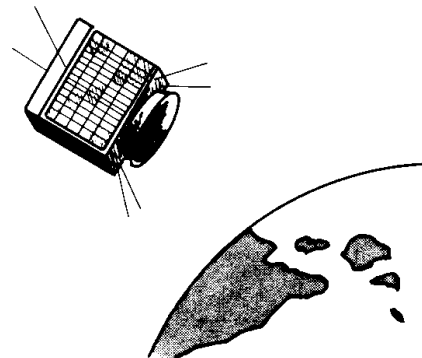
Randy Parent and Larry Olsen presented their program on Ham Support of the 2003 Iditarod. The race commemorates a 1925 event during a diphtheria epidemic in Alaska. The serum needed to get from Anchorage to Nome, and dog sleds were used. This year the race ran from Fairbanks to Nome due to the problems with snow volume.

Larry and Randy work various checkpoints during the race. There are 26 checkpoints in all. The race starts the first Saturday of each March, and teams leave every 2 minutes from the start point. Larry and Randy always leave about 3 days early to get set up. Volunteers such as Larry and Randy take care of the dogs dropped off by teams as the race progresses. Teams start with a 12 - 16 dog team and must have 5 dogs remaining at the finish.

The website is [iditarod.com](http://iditarod.com) for more information concerning the race and description of job openings. Next year Randy and Larry want to have an all California crew and they are looking for volunteers to join them.

Subsequent to the meeting the Board received the resignations of the Emergency Coordinator and the Secretary, who expressed their dismay at the Board holding illegal meetings. These positions are now vacant, and the Board is soliciting volunteers.

Pam Styron, Secretary



## Images of Field Day 2003

By Marvin Miller







## FCC Upholds its Vanity Call Sign Fee Policy

(Jul 30, 2003) ARRL

The FCC has announced that the new Amateur Radio vanity call sign regulatory fee of \$16.30 for the 10-year license term will go into effect September 9. Applicants for amateur vanity call signs will continue to pay the \$14.50 fee per vanity call sign application until the new fee goes into effect. The FCC says it expects to collect close to \$160,000 from 9800 Amateur Radio vanity call sign applicants during Fiscal Year 2003. That's up by almost \$30,000 and 800 applications from FY2002. In releasing its annual Report and Order (Docket MD 03-83) on the assessment and collection of regulatory fees for FY2003, the FCC responded at some length to comments filed from the amateur community.

## FCC Turns Away ARRL Challenge over Part 15 Authority

(Jul 31, 2003) ARRL

The FCC has denied the ARRL's Petition for Reconsideration of a Commission decision to allow fixed point-to-point transmitters in the 24.05 to 24.25 GHz band to operate at field strengths 10 times the level Part 15 rules now permit. In February 2002--opening another front in an ongoing campaign to challenge the limits of the FCC's authority in the Part 15 arena--the ARRL had asked the FCC to reconsider and reverse a portion of its December 2001 Report and Order (R&O) in ET-98-156. The League's reconsideration petition contested the FCC's jurisdiction to authorize unlicensed operation of RF devices that pose significant interference potential to licensed services. It also asserted that such devices should be licensed. The FCC did not agree on either count.



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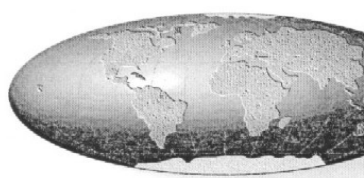
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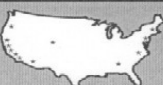
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